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Subject:

Divisional Patent Application of

Serial No.: 09/498,981 2/7/00

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SALICIDE FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTORS WITH IMPROVED BORDERLESS CONTACT STRUCTURES

AND A METHOD OF FABRICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent

Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on October 18, 2001.

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October 19, 2001

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

After the title, insert -- This is a division of Patent Application serial number 09/498,981, filing date 2/7/00, Salicide Field Effect Transistors With Improved Borderless Contact Structures And A Method Of Fabrication, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

REMARKS

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Divisional Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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